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Volvo Trucks North America

March 15, 2007

**Subject: New Safety Recall
RVXX0701, DANA AXLE HOUSING
NHTSA RECALL # 07E-018**

**07V-108
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Attention:

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Submitted via Email to Patricia Wallace.

The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

573.6(c)(1)

Volvo Trucks North America
P.O. Box 26115
Greensboro, NC 27402-6115

573.6(c)(2)

Certain Volvo VNL and VNM model vehicles manufactured with Dana axles during December 2006 through February 2007.

The selection of vehicles was based on axle and vehicle serial numbers provided by Dana.

Model Year: 2007, 2008

Original Equipment Supplier Information:

Dana Corporation
4500 Dorr Street
Toledo, OH 43615

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately eighty-six (86) vehicles affected by the recall of which there are eighty-four (84) that are domiciled in the United States.

573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the 86 vehicles expected to contain the defect is unknown.

573.6(c)(5)

The axle housings may have been manufactured with steel that was out of specification (9.5 mm thick instead of 11 mm thick), which could result in a fatigue failure over time. If a fatigue failure occurs and is left unattended, the axle may lock up or the end of the axle could come off, which may result in a vehicle crash.

573.6 (c)(6)

Chronology of principle events that were the basis for the determination:

3/2/07	Dana submits defect information report to NHTSA
3/2/07	Volvo Trucks North America opens Safety Defect Investigation
3/2/07	Stop Delivery issued. Suspect vehicles retained at factory
3/15/07	NHTSA notified that Volvo Trucks North America would initiate a voluntary safety recall

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)

Volvo Trucks North America will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall all 86 vehicles.

The recall repair will consist of inspection and replacement of axles as required.

Reimbursement for cost incurred by the owner for “prenotification remedies” will be addressed on a case-by-case basis according to the “General Plan for Reimbursement of Pre-notification Remedies” which was published December 8th, 2004.

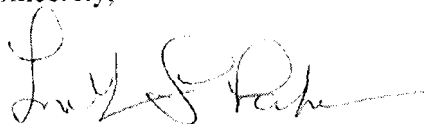
The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Volvo Trucks North America, is **RVXX0701**.

A safety alert that will be distributed on or before March 19, 2007 will inform the dealers. The owner letters will be mailed on or before April 9, 2007 advising the owners of the recall.

An advance copy of the owner letter will be submitted to NHTSA for review and approval prior to release to the owners.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy L. LaFon', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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